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**Intelligence Activity of Harald EMBKE, Partner and
Compatriot of Karl HASS:**

1. Harald EMBKE, German citizen married to an Italian, resident in Rome, Via Appia Nuova 47, has for many years been on close relations with Karl HASS: friendship, business and intelligence activity. The solid ties which unite HASS and EMBKE were the result of the vicissitudes of the postwar period when they always were together, although this relationship, for a brief period of time, appeared to have cooled.
2. In the intelligence field EMBKE has always maintained, vis-a-vis HASS, the role of satellite, participating in all the tight-rope evolutions and involutions of HASS, during which EMBKE has been the enemy, friend, accuser, etc., of HASS, but always for fun; this is indicated by the fact that the sentiments and opinions expressed in HASS's regard, even in the period of the declared tension between them, never went beyond the limits of unfounded and verbose accusations of disloyalty, venality, etc. In sum, never anything concrete.
3. In the matter of the HASS-SIFAR-1 [] service relations, the figure of EMBKE has always remained in the shadows; but EMBKE, with his business activity, constituted a sort of support - even in the financial sense - on which HASS could always lean (INTERCOMMERCE firm, Via Pierluigi da Palestrina 47).
4. With the end of the SIFAR-German (HETNZ) service collaboration cycle, assisted in a certain sense by [] service, and undoubtedly controlled through HASS, Subject came out from the background and in the role of wary provocator, attempted to renew old, abandoned contacts with []
5. Toward the end of July 1954 he arranged an outright provocation; he revealed to [] that he had met, in a Rome clinic, a Soviet functionary, Sergio ROGOV (Mikhail ROGOV, not Sergio, was Soviet Cultural Attache in Rome for many years until the end of 1951; he is still in Moscow), who furnished him information. The meetings, according to Subject, took place in a room in the clinic - which he at first did not indicate - where the children of ROGOV and Subject's brother-in-law VANNELLI were staying, both of whom had the same illness - poliomyelitis. According to [] this was all false.
6. [] was urged to play the game with Subject, forcing the latter to furnish some details. New lies resulted. The Policlinico,

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where the two children allegedly were staying, had never had a Russian child there as a patient (even under another name), nor was the son of VANNELLI ever there.

7. [] promised to feed the operation [] arranged for him to pass over carbon copies for press agencies on Italian political parties); Subject took them but hesitated and attempted to give information which was always less specific on his contacts and finally, in recent days, he attempted to avoid [] queries.

8. From the surveillance it was in the meantime revealed that [] was sometimes tailed and even photographed near his home without any caution. Why did Subject attempt this activity during the time when HASS had almost completely ceased his contacts with [] It appears clear. [] service must have learned only recently (one or two months ago) that HASS' activity had been controlled by the CS and they decided to do something about it at any cost, assuming the offensive by employing Subject in a provocative action against []

9. It is doubtful that they desired to save HASS; it is certain, in any case, that they are decisively attempting to eliminate all possible suspicion of collusion and connivance from HASS' activity and his disloyal conduct. In fact HASS, even though disturbed, does not appear to know the aspects and developments of Subject's action, unless something exists behind the scenes of which [] is not aware regarding the HASS-EMBKE- [] service relations. EMBKE, on the other hand, much more artful than HASS, must have received very strong instructions to operate alone. ✓

10. In any case HASS appears very preoccupied because, among other things, he became aware that during his absence his home in Marino was visited by someone for the evident purpose of seeing if any compromising material was kept there (film of the reproductions). His doubts centered on EMBKE, the only one who knew.

11. For his part [] was able to ascertain almost completely that the person who visited HASS' home was definitely Subject who did so either by mandate of [] service or on his own initiative in an attempt to replace HASS within [] service.

12. In spite of all this, [] position in HASS' regard continues to be good - in fact, very good, because [] in his

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contacts with HASS revealed to the latter, on [] instructions, a part of Subject's activity which was not in the interests of their friendship and pointed out that HASS and EMBKE posed only one question: two Germans who were dangerous suspects, always ready to sell the skin of the Italians for a few cents.

13. With this long, necessary premise, it can now be understood who the German was who went to [] service: Harald EMBKE. But EMBKE did not present himself; he followed through (on the basis of contacts probably solicited by [] the following instructions:

- a. Provocation of []
- b. Set up an alibi for HASS for offering his collaboration, at the time, to the Soviet Commercial Delegation;
- c. Effect a diversionary action in the sense that the premature activity of HASS was in a certain way attenuated, i.e., it appeared under the most favorable light possible for the simple reason that the comportment of HASS, introduced and accredited to SIFAR under the name of Rodolfo GIUSTINI by DEDOLENT's service, is anything but recommendable;
- d. Attempt to call [] to task as a person who might be considered an accessory and even responsible for the attempt made by HASS.

14. In substance, [] service, which became aware too late (whether or not it was EMBKE who revealed HASS' covert activity) that HASS rendered himself undeserving of the trust which [] service had in him, evidently is attempting to prevent complaints from the SIFAR by involving HASS and [] in the same matter regarding an offer to the USSR services and attempting to make SIFAR doubt the loyalty of [] toward SIFAR, but at the same time saving something of HASS through the person of EMBKE.

15. With regard to a memorandum (Field Comment: To which this report was [] reply), [] pointed out that:

- a. No contact existed between [] and [] service or other PS organ;

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- b. The German who "presented" himself to [] service is definitely identified in "arald EMBKE, the only one who knows almost anything about HASS' activity and who could furnish the material in the possession of [] service. It should be remembered that at the present time HASS must represent, for [] service, the classic scapegoat who is always the first to be blown and who must be sacrificed to save face. Therefore, if EMBKE was not in position to furnish complete information to [] service based on his own knowledge of the ROSSI-HASS contacts, on the opening of the SIFAR folders and those of the Bonn service, on the photographing of the documents contained in the folders, on the offer of collaboration to the Soviet service, etc., certainly it could have been done by those same persons in [] service who organized the abortive provocation against []
- c. The step taken at the time by HASS is known down to the minutest detail because [] received instructions from [] not to assist, but also not to impede, HASS' initiatives so that they might reveal themselves in all their aspects.
- d. The seals and envelopes which the German (EMBKE) took to [] service were those which HASS kept and which he evidently left at home (visited by EMBKE during his friend's absence) or in the office of the INTERCOMMERCIO. EMBKE is the only person who could have gotten possession of the material.
- e. Relations with Colonel HEINZ to which [] referred, were actually established at the time a military mission from the Bonn Government came to Italy, in which was included Dr. EGIDI, chief of the German police.
- f. HASS had, more than once, told [] that [] , during the war, was attached to the liaison office between [] service and the German Embassy and, subsequently, with the German commands in Rome. From the carrying out of these functions emerged the HASS- [] relations which, even after the war, were maintained on a level of cordial friendship.

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- g. The suspicion that HASS is a BIS agent is strengthened by the episode of [] and [] previously reported.
- h. HASS' activity at Linz for the CIC, etc., is well known to [] (Italian passport under a false name and the constitution of a firm with branch at Linz!). HASS was placed in a position to set up a firm under a false name by [] service itself which arranged for the Rome Questura to issue him an Italian document.
- i. The HASS- [] relations are known. The reports on political events are not AGOSTINI's; they were reports for press use on Italian political parties which [] passed to HASS on [] authorization. This was necessary to keep HASS under control. It is not admissible that [] service does not receive from other sources these same "filmsies" which are disseminated in the newspaper milieu.
- J⁶³ HASS lives in Marino, comes to Rome almost every day, has a commercial firm in Via Pierluigi da Palestrina 47, i.e., the offices of the EMBE firm INTERCOMMERIO. It is strange that [] did not mention that name which is always associated with HASS. The position assumed by [] is indefinable.

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